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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Spero Vincent A Issuer Symbol PEAPACK GLADSTONE (Check all applicable) FINANCIAL CORP [PGC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 190 MAIN STREET, PO BOX 178 12/11/2009 **EVP & Chief Lending Officer** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

GLADSTONE, NJ 07934

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqu	uired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/11/2009		P	321	A	\$ 11.7	2,129.399	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2009		P	400	A	\$ 11.695	2,529.399	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2009		P	100	A	\$ 11.69	2,629.399	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2009		P	179	A	\$ 11.75	2,808.399	D	
Common Stock							1,250.9773	I	401K Plan/Profit Sharing

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

]	1. Title of Derivative Security Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Derivat Security (Instr. 5
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
(Stock Option (right to ouy)	\$ 27.01					<u>(2)</u>	06/02/2018	Common Stock	1,050	
(Stock Option (right to ouy)	\$ 11.91					<u>(1)</u>	11/19/2019	Common Stock	3,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
	D: 4	1007	O.C.	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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EVP & Chief Lending Officer

Signatures

Vincent A. Spero 12/11/2009

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on November 19, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (2) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on June 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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